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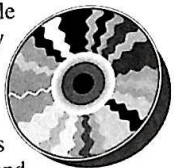
# CLARKE Courier

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## what's UP on campus

### • Be a winner

Win a prize and support a great cause at the same time. Members of the Psychology Club are holding a raffle to raise money for a group trip to Ely, Minn., to study wolf behavior. Students can win a bed and breakfast stay in Galena, \$100 or more, CD's, free meals from local restaurants, and more. Tickets are \$1 for one and \$5 for six, so contact Paul Knupp, Leah Stoffel, Gretchen Mead, Tammi Herbst, Angela Lawson, Joey Anderson or Stephanie Pollock to enter.



### • Rhubarb plays Clarke

Juniors Lori Beyer and Alyson Jirmasek heard the Rhubarb Band while shopping at a Borders Bookstore last year and thought they were "way cool." They asked the band if they would consider playing at Clarke. The concert will take place on Saturday, Nov. 22, in the student union. Coffee will be served.

### • Trash your old papers

The Biology Club is starting a recycling program in Mary Benedict hall. They will collect paper of all colors, cardboard, aluminum, tin, glass and plastic. The receptacles are placed inside the Mary Ben loading dock, so protect the earth and bring your trash.



## Student's Charm Pays off at Charity Date Auction

By KATHLEEN SERRURIER  
Staff Reporter

"I have \$56 going once, going twice, and sold to Tracie Purnell for \$56," said Mike Haggas, assistant director of admissions, as he announced the sale of a date with Isaac Young, senior business major, during the UNITY Date Auction, last Saturday.

The event, sponsored by UNITY, an organization that promotes unity within different cultures, auctioned off a dinner and dance date with 25 Clarke students. The students auctioned off were chosen by their peers during an election held in the cafeteria. All proceeds went to an underprivileged boy named Jenko Bejang living in Africa.

"The Date Auction went really well and I was glad that a lot of people came out and supported

Senior Isaac Young went for top dollar at the Date Auction when freshman Tracie Purnell paid \$56 for a date with him.



photo by Jake Tomko

us by pooling money together for a date," said junior Stacey Hamlin.

Freshmen nominees included Tyler Brandt, Marissa Granell, Clifton Henri, Angie Meyer, Carrie Orzechowski and Hector Rovira. Sophomore class dates were Lisa Lindgren, Joshua Langellier, Ken Porter, Ardell Sanders, Amy Schroeder and Erica Vaughn. Juniors included Sarah Bowman, Matt Ehler, Stacey Hamlin, Lori Michaud,

George Tadros and Troy Weisgram. Senior dates were Martin Gentry, Casey Kohr, Laena Magnifico, Jen McGreevey, Pilar Rodriguez, David Sebranek and Isaac Young.

The highest bid was placed on Isaac Young by Tracie Purnell for \$56. Surprisingly, only \$10 of it was Purnell's; the rest of the money came from the audience.

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## Experience life's doorways

By ATSUHITO ENOKI  
Staff Reporter

Clarke senior Lynn Bradshaw will be covering the windows of Clarke's Quigley Gallery with paper on Sunday Dec. 7. "I want people to see my exhibition in the gallery as they come through the door and not just to see it through the windows," she said.

The gallery will feature an oil painting exhibition by Bradshaw titled "Doorways," Sunday, Dec. 1, through Wednesday, Dec. 17. There will be a reception at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 7.

There are 10 pieces which use standard size doors and some

"I want people to think back to all the different opportunities they had."

## Clarke promotion creates commotion

By TRACY PAULSEN  
Editor

Who knew a letter from the governor of Iowa promoting Clarke could create so much commotion?

As part of a new recruitment strategy Clarke has adopted, Clarke President Sr. Catherine Dunn, BVM, asked Gov. Terry

Branstad to write a letter to Iowa high school students urging them to attend Clarke.

In the letter on the governor's stationery, Branstad wrote, "As governor of Iowa, I am privileged to represent a state recognized for its commitment to education. I am especially proud of Iowa's system of higher education which includes strong public and private colleges and

universities. Clarke College is one of these strong private colleges.

The letter continues, "Not only do I hold an honorary doctorate from Clarke, but I have been on Clarke's campus and have seen for myself the strong Midwestern values that are an integral part of belonging to this college community. In my experience as

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pieces which have at least two doors.

"Everybody goes through the doorways in their lives like childhood, education, friends, and family," Bradshaw says. "I want people to think back to all the different opportunities they had, not to shut their doors, and to remember their heritage in their life through my exhibition."

## datebook

### EVENTS

#### FRIDAY

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Annual Pre-Christmas Art Sale  
Atrium 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Mercy Health Center Festival of Trees  
Cycare Plaza Free until Dec. 2  
Nursing and Physical Therapy Party  
Union 7-10 p.m.  
Play A View From the Bridge  
TDH 8 p.m. Through Sunday

#### SATURDAY

22

Public ice skating  
Five Flags Arena 2-4 p.m.  
Turkey Bowling  
Cafeteria 6 p.m.  
Rhubarb  
Union 8 p.m.

#### SUNDAY

23

Public ice skating  
Five Flags Arena 2-4 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY

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Thanksgiving break begins  
Residence Halls Close 8 a.m.  
Fighting Saints vs. Rochester  
Five Flags Arena 7 p.m.

#### THURSDAY

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Happy Thanksgiving!

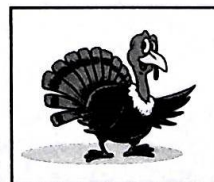
### INSIDE

Clarke professors get another chance to ham it up in this weekend's play.

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Students cook up their own ways to celebrate Thanksgiving. See page 2.



Two volleyball players make it to all-conference. See page 4.





Tommy Haggas

## Gray areas

## A long time ago...

In a galaxy far, far away on the planet Clarke, people bustle back and forth. The planet is alive with paper, e-mail, and phone mail flowing through its veins. Communication is what has brought this small planet to where it is today.



Unfortunately, Clarke's very existence is in jeopardy. One of the communication hubs of this busy community is in dire straits. Over the past several months, organization has declined. People who were once in charge of overseeing this aspect of life here have strangely disappeared and no explanation can be found.

As a result, the work centers referred to as the "Mac Lab" and "ASC" have become a cemetery for papers lost by faulty computers and poorly maintained software. The planet is about to abandon

all hope and revert to handwriting.

Then through the mist came a knight on horseback. He wielded a sword of fiber optics and struck down the evil viruses that plagued the systems. With the punch of a couple keys, he restored the computer labs to working order.

"Although what I have done here may seem brave, it was actually quite simple. You can avoid this if you just save often, and watch what you download," the knight said, smiling.

A great cheer went up from the crowd as life began to return to normal. Somewhere though, a Clarke resident finds a kickin' picture of Leonardo DiCaprio and has to download it. A virus strain sneaks back onto the planet and there will be the knight, Alex Kubicek, to strike it down before it has time to disrupt a single character.

**Editor's Note:** If anyone is experiencing problems in the Library computer classrooms, please let Alex know. There is a sheet posted next to the door in the ASC to write about your problems. You can also find Alex or a worker in the labs and the problem will be...terminated.

## Here's your chance to bowl with a turkey

By ANGIE BICKER  
Staff Reporter

Have you ever thought about striking down pins with a frozen turkey?

In the spirit of the Thanksgiving holiday, Clarke students will get a chance to play a regular game of bowling with two frozen

turkeys. "It's a stupid, gross, and disgusting activity, but it is also a stress reliever," said David Michael Nevins, director of residence life and campus programs. He said there will be two lanes set up in the dining room with plastic pins to knock down.

Turkey bowling is not a new event on campus. Nevins said

## Date Auction: continued from p. 1

Thirty-five dollars went to the second place bid by Gretchen Berrios for Hector Rovira and the third place bid from Liz Meyer for Casey Kohr at \$26.

"The auction was a lot of fun for me to do and I'm glad that I was a part of raising money for Jenko.

"I'm also happy that Isaac Young's good looks and charming personality finally paid off for him," said junior Matt Ehler.

Many students had a great time participating and hooking up with their dates after the auction.

"I had fun with my date, John Cochrane. We had our little date and hung out together the rest of the night," said junior Lori Michaud.

Some students like Ardell Sanders were

## My night as a high roller

*I take my checkbook with me, although I swore to myself that I will not bid any higher than \$20. I arrive 10 minutes late, thanks to my companions, but fortunately the auction hasn't started yet. I get my bidding paddle and settle in to a comfortable spot. Eventually we start. Our auctioneer, Mike Haggas, introduces the "auctionees." The second item -- (dare I call him that) -- up for bid catches my interest, a freshman engineering major from Puerto Rico. The bidding starts at a dollar. My hand goes up. "Two dollars from Giselle," Mike shouts into the mic. Everyone turns in my direction. Blood shoots to my cheeks and for the first time in my life, I blush. Suddenly from behind a column comes three dollars. My hand goes up again. Four dollars. From the corner, five. We continue back and forth until we reach ten dollars. Then it comes like a clap of thunder. Twenty dollars. My wallet gasps. My head says quit. My friends look at me. Well? Calmly I smile and lift my hand, twenty-one. Twenty-two. My hand goes up for twenty-three. Twenty-five. My checkbook groans, but it doesn't matter; my adrenaline is pumping. Twenty-six, I bid. Thirty dollars! Yikes. My checkbook begs me to stop. But I have to do it, thirty-one. Thirty-two. A tad stiff, my hand goes up for thirty-three. Thirty-four. My senses revolt. My hand refuses to go up. Smiling, I concede and my poor checkbook sighs in relief. And so ends my short life as a high roller.*

--Giselle Laurant, Staff Reporter

were bid on by one person and ended going on a date with another girl.

"Elisa Sutton, an employee at the Union, paid her bid for me and then she fixed me up with freshman Giselle Laurent.

"The date went really well and I thought the time and effort was well worth it for the cause," said sophomore Ardell Sanders.

Senior Laena Magnifico, who was in charge of the UNITY Date Auction, said, "Realistically I didn't think that we would be able to clear \$100, but the students at Clarke came together and were really supportive of the event." I was very happy with the turnout and how effective the night was.

By the end of the night, UNITY raised \$364 for Bojang and everyone that bid had a date.

## Clarke Challenge: a big hit

Once again people were drawn to the Clarke Challenge. The Challenge is a game show put on by A&E in which teams of four battle it out for some cash.

This semester there were 16 teams and four different game shows, including *Trivial Pursuit*, *Jeopardy*, *The Price Is Right*, and *Password*.

The first place team, the Stinky Cheese Girls, which included members Jill Farrell, Kelly Arensdorf, Carrie Petroske, Lori Michaud and Jodi Venhuizen, won \$150. The prizes for second, third, and fourth were \$100, \$50, and \$50 respectively.

The next Clarke Challenge will be April 4th. --Chris Clapham



## The Talk Around

What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you think about Thanksgiving? For most people, it is a holiday set apart to give thanks to God and for many students, it is a chance to go home or visit other places before final exams. Here is what some Clarke students will do on Thanksgiving break.

Freshman Richard Jordan: "Since I am in the basketball team, I have to stay at Clarke. But I wish I had the opportunity to go to Puerto Rico and celebrate Thanksgiving with my family."

Sophomore Shelby Webb: "I am going back home and spend some time with my family. I haven't seen them for a long time, because I work every weekend."

Senior Pilar Rodriguez: "Since I can't go back to Colombia for this break, I am planning to go to Cancun, Mexico with some of my friends. I will take in some sun, party and relax, so when I come back my batteries will be recharged and I can get ready for my finals."

Freshman Tony Yim: "In Hong Kong we do not celebrate Thanksgiving, so this is like another day for us. I am going to stay at Clarke and prepare for my finals."

Freshman Gisela Morales: "I am going to Iowa City with Sarah Lehmann. Since I can not go to Puerto Rico, she invited me to have dinner with her family."

Freshman Matt Hanes: "I am planning to spend time with my family and friends and to wait tables at Applebee's because I am poor."

Freshman Gary Ellis: "I am planning to go back home and spend time with my family, especially with my sister and my nephew whom I haven't seen since summer."

Senior Winelia Bernier: "I am going to meet with my uncle, aunt and cousins in Chicago. I will relax, sleep, eat Puerto Rican food and work on my psychology paper. I want to basically be shut down from the world."

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By MICHELLE ANSEL  
Staff Reporter

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## "We take school for granted; they have to fight."

Six education majors recently found out what teaching is all about. During the weekend of Nov. 7 - Nov. 8, a group of education majors traveled to Chicago for a first-hand experience teaching students in an "inner-city" environment. Senior Patti Glynn may have even found a student teaching job possibility from the trip.

The students were divided into three groups and were each assigned a teacher's associate job at an "inner-city" school. Seniors Dawn Arner and Jill Christopher, accompanied by Clarke Education Department Chair Dr. Margaret Feldner, OSF, worked at St. Thaddeus Elementary School, a predominantly African-American school and seniors Patti Glynn and Anna Siceli, with Education Instructor Michele Vosberg, worked at St. James School, another African-American school. Senior Keri Vondran and junior Jody Geisman, along with Assistant Professor of Education Dr. Margaret Clark, BVM, worked at St. Pius School, a primarily Hispanic (Mexican and Guatemalan) school.

"Working in an 'inner-city' school gave me another look at schools and how teachers work in the classroom," said Glynn. "The students at St. James really enjoy being in school. They work hard and are more aggressive than students here because they must pass tests before entering high school. We take school for granted; they have to fight." Glynn plans to return to St. James for student teaching.

--Tracy Paulsen, Editor

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governor. I have learned that values and ethics are the most important attributes of successful people."

So, why is this positive letter causing problems?

According to opposing views expressed in the *Des Moines Register* last week and complaints to the governor's office, it's improper for Branstad to promote private colleges when the state is supporting three universities and several community colleges.

Eric Woolson, aide to Branstad, told the *Dubuque Telegraph Herald* that the letter wasn't meant to show favoritism toward Clarke or slight any of Iowa's other public or private colleges and universities. The governor merely wrote the letter as "a favor to a friend." He added that the governor said he'd write similar letters for Iowa's colleges, but "nobody

else asked him to." Some mistakingly thought that taxpayers' money was being used in the creation of this letter.

"Clarke paid for both the printing and the mailing of the letter," said Randy Gehl, director of Clarke's public relations office. "We also provided the governor with the ideas for the letter which is a standard practice when you ask someone to write for you."

Gehl doesn't believe the flap will hurt Clarke's recruitment strategy.

"I don't think this will decrease the effectiveness of the letter as part of our recruitment strategy," said Gehl. "We were grateful that Governor Branstad agreed to write the letter and it is unfortunate that he is being criticized for supporting education in Iowa."

## Clarke students saved from tough choice on tuition payment

By MICHELLE ANSEL  
Staff Reporter

One of the big questions many college students across the nation are contemplating is whether to pay spring tuition in December when it is due, or wait until January and take advantage of the new Hope Scholarship offered to freshmen and sophomores in 1998. Fortunately for Clarke students tuition is not due until after Jan. 1.

"The Hope Scholarship is not a scholarship at all. It is a tax

credit," said Michael Pope, director of financial aid at Clarke. The scholarship is part of the Tax Payer Relief Act of 1997 passed in August.

A family may claim a tax credit of up to \$1500 per tax year for each eligible dependent. This can be done for up to two tax years.

To qualify, the taxpayer must report the amount of tuition and fees paid as well as the amount of certain scholarships, grants and untaxed income used to pay tuition and fees. The taxpayer can claim this credit for the qualified expenses paid by January 1, 1998.

## Clarke to view faculty in different light in *Bridge*

By TOMMY HAGGAS  
Staff Reporter

Many students wonder what their teachers do outside of the classroom. This weekend Clarke students will have an opportunity to see history professor Michael Anderson smuggle immigrants in to Brooklyn; biology professor John Bennett push around students and teachers; and his departmental colleague Chris Beachy get arrested and deported.

All this and much more will take place Thursday through Sunday in the Clarke drama department's production of Arthur Miller's *A View from the Bridge*. The teachers, all with varying experience in the theatre, are getting into their roles.

Michael Anderson, who also appeared in Clarke's 1994 production of *Brigadoon*, said, "It's a lot of fun working with the other faculty. If I had the chance I'd do it again." Anderson has also appeared in some small community theatre shows.

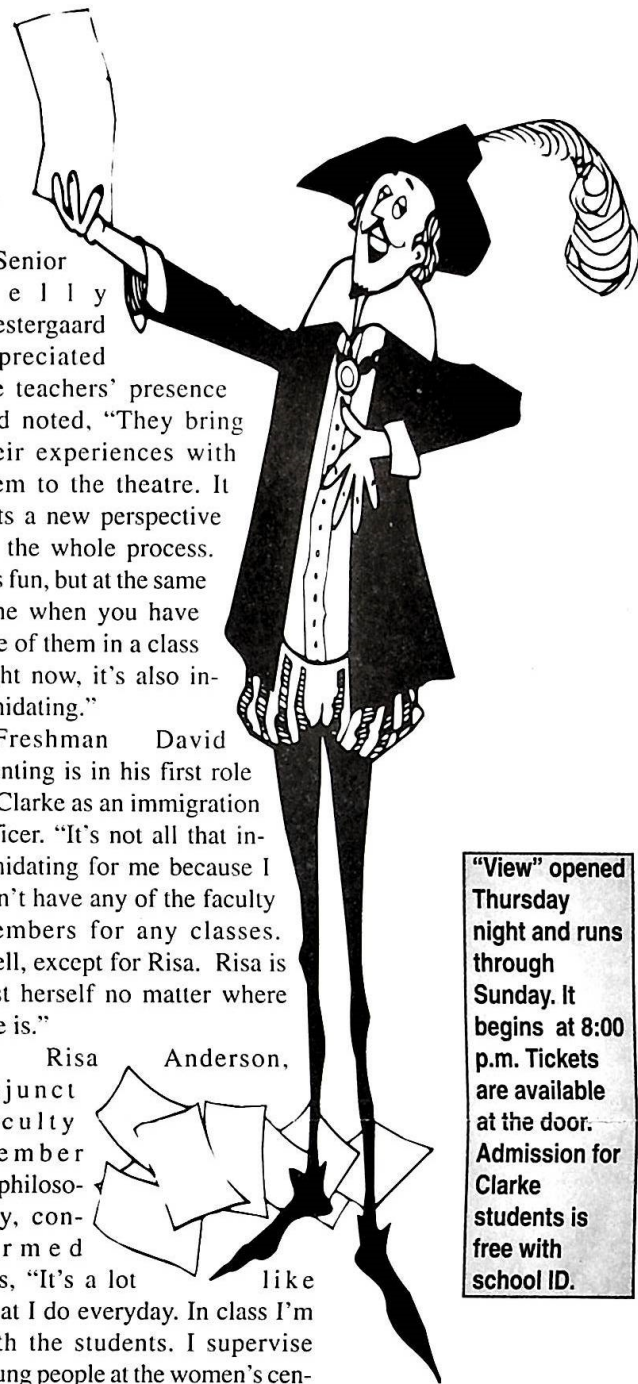
The show's stage manager, senior Felicia Payton, enjoyed working with the teachers and expressed some pity for them as well.

"Teachers are busier than people think. They sit in the audience (when they're not on stage) and grade papers. They have to be a million places at once. In fact, Monday was the first time we had every member of the cast together."

Senior Kelly Westergaard appreciated the teachers' presence and noted, "They bring their experiences with them to the theatre. It puts a new perspective on the whole process. It's fun, but at the same time when you have one of them in a class right now, it's also intimidating."

Freshman David Bunting is in his first role at Clarke as an immigration officer. "It's not all that intimidating for me because I don't have any of the faculty members for any classes. Well, except for Risa. Risa is just herself no matter where she is."

Risa Anderson, adjunct faculty member in philosophy, confirmed this, "It's a lot like what I do everyday. In class I'm with the students. I supervise young people at the women's center. This is just like what I do everyday. I don't know if I'd do too well in a situation where all the people were my age." Risa is playing Mrs. Lipari, a member of the community.



"View" opened Thursday night and runs through Sunday. It begins at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the door. Admission for Clarke students is free with school ID.

## Brooklyn comes to Clarke

By TOMMY HAGGAS  
Staff Reporter

*A View from the Bridge* is directed by Dr. Carol Blitgen, BVM, Clarke professor of drama/speech, with help from senior Felicia Payton, stage manager and assistant to the director. Other classics by Arthur Miller include *Death of a Salesman* and *The Crucible*.

The show features freshmen David Bunting and Max Knepper; sophomore Jake Blomquist; junior Carin Leonard; seniors Dylan Mosley, Joe Norton, Kelly Westergaard, and Jeff Lightfoot; faculty Clyde Killian, Michael Anderson, Risa A. Anderson, John Bennett, Chris Beachy, and David Kortemeier; and alum Peter Healey. The set and lights were designed by drama faculty member, Ellen Gabrielleschi. Costume design



*A View from the Bridge* will play through the weekend. Among the wide cast of students and faculty, the show will feature (from left) Dylan Mosley, Drama chairman David Kortemeier, Kelly Westergaard, Joe Norton, and Carin Leonard.

was headed up by Clarke alum Anna Stevens.

The drama department feels the audience will respond positively to *A View from the Bridge*. A classic American tragedy set in an Italian-American community, the show deals with the decisions of Eddie Carbone, an admirable man who falls from

grace because of his personal choices. "Eddie is a generous, selfless man who tries to take care of his wife and niece. He is respected in the community until two illegal immigrants from Italy stay with him. They shatter the peace and quiet of the Italian community and lead to the downfall of Eddie," says Blitgen.



## Clarke spikers named to all-conference squad

Two members of Coach Lon Boike's Clarke College women's volleyball squad have been named to the 1997 Northern Illinois - Iowa Conference all-conference team.

Named to this year's all-NIIC team from Clarke were junior middle hitter Amy Stratton and sophomore outside hitter Corene Shannon.

Stratton, who prepped at Cedar Rapids Prairie High School, is a

repeat selection on the 13-player squad.

In conference play, Stratton led the Crusaders in kills (115), kills per game (3.38), total blocks (103), and blocks per game (3.02).

Shannon led the Crusaders in digs (138) and digs per game (4.18) in NIIC play. She averaged 3.03 kills per game.

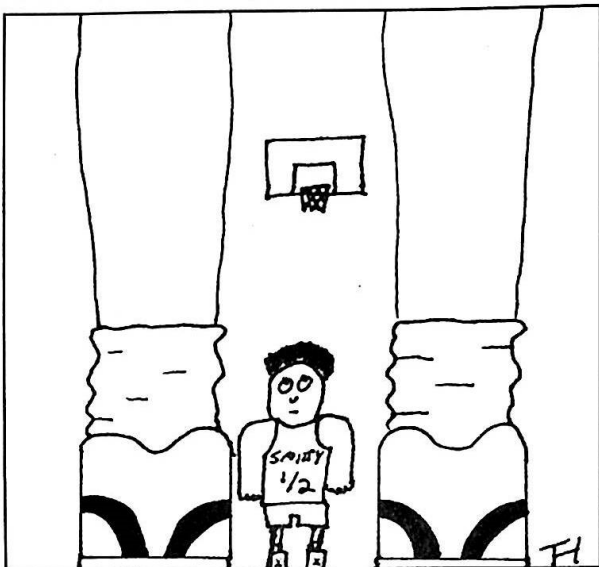
Shannon and Stratton were joined on the all-conference team by Jamie Micenheimer of Aurora

University; Holly Egan, Jayme Schnack, and Amy Szerlong of Benedictine University. Angie Bardonner of Concordia University; Dawn Bradbury, Stephanie Logan, and Nicole Smith of Eureka College; Stacie Brown and Kristi Hart of Rockford College.

Stephanie Logan of Eureka was named the NIIC Player of the Year, while Eureka Coach Tom Bosley was named the NIIC Coach of the Year.

The Smitty College center suddenly realized the Big 12 Conference wasn't a figure of speech.

--By TommyHaggas



## News from the sidelines

### Are the Bears being bought out

By MIKE CYZE  
Sports Editor

Well, it's that time of year again. The NFL playoff races are getting closer, and the actual playoff games are inching their way toward us as well. It's almost time for the big advertising campaigns and contests.

Well, one team that already has tickets to the Superbowl would have to be the Chicago Bears. No, these aren't tickets to play in the Superbowl, because we all know that isn't going to happen. They probably have tickets to watch the game from the comfort of their own recliners.

Now I read that technically, the Bear's are still mathematically in the playoff race.

Right!

In order for the Bear's to make the playoffs now, it would take an act of God! They would need to win every game for the rest of the season, and every other team would have to lose every game. I'm sure that will happen.

It is also a rumor in Chicago that the Bear's franchise is being purchased by the dynamic duo of Michael Jordan and Oprah Winfrey.

Let's think about that...

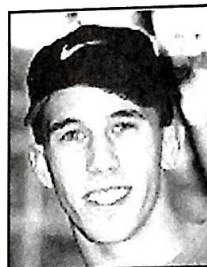
Michael Jordan buys the team, and makes McDonald's the official restaurant of the Bears. He inserts himself in the quarterback position, of course, wearing his specially designed Nike shoes to give him better trac-

tion in beautiful Soldier Field. After a year of proving that he isn't really cut out for football, he will retire (again), and go back to playing basketball.

Oprah Winfrey will put the defensive line on a weight loss program, and that will be the end of that. She will exploit the Bear's in a prime time talk show, and of course, will sing the National Anthem at all home games.

Well, folks, is that the future of the Bears? For some reason, I kind of doubt it. Rumors never cease to amaze me.

Happy playoffs NFL!



## Upcoming Sporting Events

### Men's Basketball:

Nov. 21-22 @ Central  
Nov. 29 @ UD  
Dec. 1 @ Pillsbury-MN  
Dec. 3 @ Grinnell

### Women's Basketball:

Nov. 21-22 Clarke Classic  
Nov. 25 @ Iowa Weleyan  
Nov. 29 vs. UD  
Dec. 3 @ Grinnell

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Will your extraordinary... finally pay off? Can y... dance, tell jokes, play... ment or do you... have some... crazy and un... usual act up... your... sleeve? Enter... UNITY's Tal-... ent Show to be held on Fr... 5, at 8 p.m., in the Alum... Hall. Prizes of \$100, \$50... will be awarded to the thre... To enter, contact Ardell... X6535 or MS 815 before... on Thursday, Dec. 4.

## Attention Sen

A Recognition Liturgy fo... completing degrees in Dece... be held at 5 p.m. Wednesda... in the Sacred Heart Chapel... tion will follow in the Atri... tend the reception, call Be... X6406 by Dec. 10.